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American River Conservancy	Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) - American River Headwaters Restoration Project (ARHRP)	Placer County	\$1,500,000	As part of an all-lands regional restoration program, this collaborative of national forests, state agencies, RCDs, and fire-safe councils will implement key activities that promote healthy forests and watersheds, increase carbon sequestration, and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk on the 2.4 million-acre landscape. Focus is on the 6,768 acres of SRA/private lands, owned and managed by the American River Conservancy. The ARC property/project is adjacent to and also a partner in the French Meadows Project.
Sean & Kathryn O'Day	Grizzly Creek Forest CE	Humboldt	\$1,195,500	A conservation easement (CE) will be conveyed on a 762-acre tract that is within a few miles of 7 other Forest Legacy Program CEs and provides critical habitat for many threatened and endangered species.
Sierra Nevada Conservancy	Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) All-Lands Regional Restoration Program - Eldorado Projects/French Meadows	El Dorado, Placer	\$10,723,552	As part of an all-lands regional restoration program, this collaborative of national forests, state agencies, RCDs, and fire-safe councils will implement key activities that promote healthy forests and watersheds, increase carbon sequestration, and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk on the 2.4 million-acre landscape. This specific application will protect the Eldorado NF, adjacent private SRA lands, and the French Meadows project in the adjacent Tahoe NF.
American Forest Foundation	My Sierra Woods –Capturing Carbon on California's Family Forest Lands	Shasta, Yuba, Butte, Tehama, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer	\$9,002,948	A collaboration of conservation groups, Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs), and forest market partners will conduct outreach to over 10,000 nonindustrial, private landowners and engage them in forest restoration for carbon benefits, resulting in more than 720 projects across more than 42,000 acres. The project will use wood-products markets to offset project costs, provide landowners with reimbursements for fuels-reduction activities, and facilitate reforestation on properties in need.
Heart Consciousness Church DBA Harbin Hot Springs	Valley Fire Remediation and Upper Putah Creek Watershed Restoration Program	Lake	\$469,000	This project addresses severe fire remediation challenges created by the 2015 Valley Fire in Lake County. With the participation of multiple landowners, agencies and professional foresters, the project will restore forest health over 450 acres of the Upper Putah Creek watershed. A wide range of management activities will be deployed to promote the long-term storage of carbon in forest trees and soil and to minimize the loss of forest carbon from another wildfire and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Western Rivers Conservancy applicant; Sonoma Cty Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District co-applicant	Silva Ranch Conservation Easement	Sonoma	\$4,050,000	A conservation easement is proposed on 4,344-acre ranch with multiple conservation values including 1,345 acres of working forestland; 41 acres of old-growth redwoods; 2,605 acres of oak woodlands and rangeland; 6.6 miles of salmonid creeks; and adjacency to 75,000 acres of conserved land. The property consists of up to 40 separate legal parcels. Given the rate of vineyard and second home development in the vicinity, the ranch is prime for division into numerous "ranchettes."
County of Los Angeles Fire Department*	Goldspotted Oak Borer Monitoring and Mitigation Program	Los Angeles	\$3,000,000	This project will remove up to 3,000 dead or dying oaks invested by Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) in Green Valley (SRA). Efforts will support the elimination of GSOB (pest management), preserve up to 12,000 living greenhouse gas reducers (carbon sequestration) and provide opportunities in reforestation by developing age-class diversity in the local forest, further reducing greenhouse gas for many generations.
Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.	Diamond Mountain Forest & Watershed Restoration Project	Lassen	\$4,760,348	The multi-agency Diamond Mountain Initiative proposes a collaborative forest and watershed restoration project to treat USFS land and adjacent private lands. Treatments will consist of the thinning of mixed conifer forest and aspen stands, using uneven-aged management to increase stand complexity and carbon sequestration within all forest types.
Save the Redwoods League	Redwoods to the Sea Corridor Forest Resilience Project	Humboldt County	\$1,279,270	Save the Redwoods League (the League) holds nine conservation easements across the Mattole River watershed, creating an 11,000-acre swath of protected lands from the redwoods to the sea (the Corridor). The League will conduct fuels reduction, prescribed fire, pest management, and biomass utilization activities across 484 acres within the Corridor as part of a multi-year approach to restore habitat, increase the landscape's carbon sequestration and storage potential, and prevent wildfire from spreading to the Lost Coast and Humboldt Redwoods State Park's old-growth forests.
Save the Redwoods League	Giant Sequoia Forest Resilience Project	Calaveras and Tuolumne	\$2,401,102	The project will increase carbon sequestration storage potential, augment climate change and fire resilience, enhance critical habitat, and improve water quality in the Calaveras Big Trees State Park (CBTSP) and Beaver Creek, an adjacent Save the Redwoods League property. Additional benefits include: 1) completing phase 1 of a landscape-scale Fire Management Plan to manage CBTSP and surrounding lands under one cohesive regime; and 2) protecting nearby federal, state, and private lands from multiple threats, including wildfire, disease, and pests.

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Craggy Vegetation Management Project	Siskiyou	\$5,266,274	Developed in conjunction with the CAL FIRE and the Yreka Area Fire Safe Council, the project will improve safety to the nearby communities of Yreka and Hawkinsville by improving fire resiliency, forest health, and early seral habitat for deer and wild turkey; enhancing habitat for the sensitive plant species Calochortus persistens; and improving watershed conditions. The project will treat approximately 11,310 acres.
University of Nevada - Reno	Silviculture for climate change: Sierra Nevada-wide treatments to promote resistance, resilience, and adaptation to altered climate and disturbance regimes	Tulare, Shasta, Nevada, Fresno, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties	\$2,697,153	Foresters on this Sierra Nevada-wide project will utilize progressive, scientifically-supported silvicultural treatments to increase resilience, resistance, and adaptive capacity of regional mixed conifer forests. A combination of resilience (patchy), resistant (wide spacing, parklike), and transition (gap reforestation) treatments will be coupled with fuels reduction to provide diversity in species, age classes, and structures at the landscape and regional scales to improve forest health, reduce greenhouse gases, protect watersheds, and promote long-term carbon storage while minimizing carbon loss to wildfire.
City of Arcata	Arcata Community Forest Expansion - Forsyth Tract	Humboldt	\$227,000	The proposed project is to add the "Forsyth" property, a privately owned 49-acre forested parcel, to the Arcata Community Forest (ACF). The parcel is a private in-holding at risk of forestland conversion if acquired by a private buyer. Annexing this parcel is part of a larger landscape protection effort that began in 2006 and has since added 559 acres to the ACF. In addition to its timber value, the Forsyth parcel contains an important Class II tributary to Jolly Giant Creek and hosts extensive unsanctioned public recreation.
National Forest Foundation	Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) - Tahoe National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and SRA Lands	Sierra, Nevada, Placer	\$12,987,710	This application is part of the TCSI bundled proposals for an all-lands regional restoration program. A collaborative of diverse land owners that are implementing projects to promote healthy forests and watersheds, increase carbon sequestration, and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk on the 1.1 million acre landscape that is a priority due the high values at risk. The projects in this specific application protect State Responsibility Areas (SRAs), the Tahoe National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, and adjacent state and private lands, offering a 40% match to the requested funds.

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The Trust for Public Land	McKay Community Forest Phase 2 and Adjacent Ryan Creek Legacy Easement	Humboldt	\$3,600,000	The project will protect from development 6,164 +/- acres of threatened, high site class redwood forest adjacent to the City of Eureka. Included are two transactions: the McKay Community Forest Phase 2 is the fee purchase of 197 acres, which will be added to the 1,001-acre Phase 1 of the McKay Community Forest; and the Ryan Creek Legacy Easement is the purchase of a conservation easement on 5,967 adjacent acres of commercial forest. Acquisitions will complete conservation of 76%, of the Ryan Creek watershed and protect over 12 stream miles of Ryan Creek.
Northcoast Regional Land Trust	Diamond D Forest Conservation Easement	Humboldt	\$4,500,000	Proposed easement of a family-owned working forest and ranch with healthy forest stands, unique oak woodlands, and numerous wildlife species of concern. Establishing a conservation easement on this property is a valuable opportunity to protect outstanding carbon sequestration and ecological values on land at great risk of subdivision and conversion to non-forest uses.
California Tahoe Conservancy	Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) - Lake Tahoe Basin SRA Lands	Placer, El Dorado	\$2,335,120	This application is part of the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) bundled proposal for an all-lands regional restoration program. A collaborative of national forests, state agencies, non-profits, and private land owners will implement projects that promote healthy forests and watersheds, increase carbon sequestration, and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk. The TCSI landscape is a priority due to the complex issues facing the region and the values at risk. The projects in this specific application will treat and protect State Responsibility Area lands and utilize biomass in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
Mendocino County Resource Conservation District	Applied Innovative Forest Health Strategies on Post-Fire Landscapes	Mendocino	\$1,909,820	The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, together with NRCS, identified ownerships ranging from 10 to more than 1,000 acres, with both moderate and major tree mortality and loss of forest cover as a result of the October 2017 Redwood Complex Fire. This proposal will focus on approximately 2,500 acres of affected landscape by: 1) removing dead and dying trees; 2) processing dead feed stock with semi-portable biomass generators into electricity, thermal energy, and biochar; and 3) replant approx. 700 acres with conifer seedlings.
Plumas County Fire Safe Council	Plumas Collaborative Forest Health Project	Plumas	\$6,638,027	Located on the Plumas National Forest and surrounding SRA lands, this comprehensive large-scale forest restoration project will protect watershed benefits at risk from the threat of high severity wildfire. The project aims to treat 7,859 acres of a 79,293-acre impact area through diverse forest management practices that will increase long-term carbon storage.

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Tuolumne County*	Forest Health in the Tuolumne and Stanislaus Watersheds	Tuolumne County	\$5,000,000	A suite of actions is proposed across a large landscape area to restore forest health and sequester greenhouse gases in the Tuolumne Watershed. Treatment of up to 14,961 acres will include mechanical thinning, mastication, prescribed fire, biomass utilization, and reforestation. The project will provide additional benefits including reduced fire risk to local communities, improved water quality, and improved wildlife habitat. LiDAR imagery will be purchased for all lands in Tuolumne County for research and planning the next phase of Forest Health projects.
Sierra Institute for Community and Environment*	South Lassen Watersheds Group Collaborative Landscape Restoration Project	Plumas, Tehama	\$3,000,000	A suite of projects utilizing collaborative authorities and a variety of forestry techniques is proposed to mitigate catastrophic wildfire risk, increase carbon sequestration, and improve forest and watershed functioning on a 600,000-acre multi-jurisdictional landscape involving roughly 50% SRA lands. Diverse partners (private industry, federal government, tribes, and environ. NGOs), will implement treatments on up to 7,867 acres.
Mid Klamath Watershed Council*	Western Klamath Landscape Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project	Humboldt, Siskiyou	\$5,000,000	This project implements the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership's innovative plan to restore healthy fire processes in the Western Klamath Mountains. Proposed treatments may include 1,226 acres of mechanical thinning, 2,990 acres of manual fuels reduction, 2,990 acres of hand pile burning, 2,000 acres of burn prep, 7,818 acres of controlled burning, 500 acres of jackpot pile burning, and 1,000 acres of pest mgmt on public, private and tribal lands.
Total Grant Awards			\$91,542,824	

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Forest Legacy Project
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* Pending acceptance of budget